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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM BEGINNING RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:15 – 10:15 every Sunday
ALL are welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13

Meets weekly in the Conference Room
Beginning a new series entitled:
1 Corinthians (A Middle Eastern Cultural View)



Bible Study NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7:00 PM

Meets weekly in the



Conference Room

Final class in the series

An Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium

September 1

"I Believe in the Holy Spirit"

Daily Discipleship – Living in Christ

September 8 "Pick Up the Cross" Mark 8:27-38

September 15 "Welcome Others" Mark 9:30-37

September 22 "Commit to Christ" Mark 9:38-50

September 29 "Creation" from the video discussion series started in June – *What Does it mean to be a Christian*

FAMILY LIFE FORUM – 9:20 AM, SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

Meets weekly in the Library



September 20 We'll meet to plan topics for Fall and Winter

We seek your input to plan the agenda so that from a faith based perspective we can be supportive of parents and families.

September 27 Topic: "Balancing All That's On The Calendar!?!?"

Confirmation Age Youth and Parents:

It is almost time again to start the confirmation year. Rally Day is Sunday, September 13. The first Sunday Confirmation lesson is on September 20, but on **Sunday, September 13, for the 9:15 a.m. class, we will have a gathering of all students and also parents** to discuss and seek your input on the format for this year's confirmation schedule. We will meet in the area across from the kitchen. We will cover Confirmation Sunday in May, new Bibles for the students, sermon notes, class schedules, food for Wednesday night, guides, etc.

So, yes, we plan to continue with the class meeting each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. during the school year and also to meet for ten Wednesday night lessons during the middle of the school year, or in other words twice a month. The first Wednesday class will be November 4, with the tenth Wednesday targeted for March 18.

Also, this year we will be using new Bibles in Confirmation. As appeared in the August *Spokesman*: *These Bibles will also be presented on Rally Day, September 13, at either worship service. Our weekly lectionary and the confirmation curriculum quote the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) so we feel the students will benefit by switching from the CEV to an NRSV Study Bible for use in our two-year confirmation program, and beyond. The students will not be charged for the book fees, but anyone may sponsor the purchase of a Bible for one confirmand for \$17. So, all Confirmation Students should to be at either 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 13 for a Bible presentation.*

We have other items we will discuss on September 13. So, it is important that all Confirmation students and their parents be at this September 13 meeting. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Scott Schmidt. May the Lord bless us as we continue to teach all generations about our gracious God and to grow in faith. **See you September 13!**

A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42 (NRSV)

It is exciting! I see all the wonderful opportunities for life-long learning here at All Saints, and I'm drawn to this Bible passage from Acts 2:42. The early Christian Church grew by leaps and bounds because the Holy Spirit worked through their outreach and evangelism and most certainly because of their faith in the crucified and risen Jesus. Yet, this work of God through their hands found strength while *they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching* (that is the study of Scripture) *and fellowship* (that is spending much time together), *to the breaking of bread* (that is at holy communion and by eating meals together) *and the prayers* (that is talking with and listening to God). From these practices, God grew the Church. From these practices, God still fosters spiritual and numerical growth in congregations today. I see that happening at All Saints at worship, in fellowship events like our recent successful picnic, as we gather for various service activities, and especially as we gather to learn and study the Scriptures together.

That's why I get excited when I see our Sunday School teachers planning for the fall, in part because I was so impressed with what was done last year. I see neat things happening in Junior High Confirmation this year, both in Sunday morning classes beginning on Rally Day and for Wednesday night classes beginning in November. I am thrilled that we have two adults who will re-introduce a High School Sunday School Class using lessons from an ELCA web source called *Faith Lens*.

For the grade school youth who plan to receive First Communion in the spring, I'm thrilled to help introduce them to the *Old and New Testament* this fall. They (along with confirmation students) will be presented their Bibles at either worship service on Rally Day, September 13.

Then there are several opportunities for adults. As I look forward to leading the *Family Life Forum* again this year on Sunday mornings, I also wish I could take part in the new Adult Sunday School series that Bill Runnion is leading on *First Corinthians (A Middle Eastern Cultural View)* which Bill and I both previewed. Tuesday Night Bible Study keeps drawing new participants, and the discussions are pushing us to grow in our discipleship. The Religious Book Club resumes in September. And we have members taking part in the two-year *diakonia*TM program offered by the Northern Illinois Synod.

WOW! That's why all this excites me! I hope it excites you! This all goes hand-in-hand with the ELCA Book of Faith Initiative. May we continue to devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching! Thanks be to God!

In our Savior's name,
Pastor Scott Schmidt

Youth + News

September 13 th	Youth Nite	November 20-22 nd	Jr High Retreat with Peder Eide
September 27 th	Youth Nite	November 29 th	starts our Socks n Undies Sundays
October 11 th	Youth Nite	December 13 th	Youth Christmas Party
October 17 th	Hayride/Campfire	December 19 th	Christmas Caroling/Pizza
October 24 th	Chili Dinner-5-7 pm	December 27	NO Youth Nite Enjoy vacation
October 25 th	Youth Nite	January	to sell Little Caesars Pizza Kits
November 6-7 th	Jr High Lock-In N.I.U Campus - Dekalb	January 31 st	Souper Bowl Sunday / last day to sign up for Youth Quake/Zones
November 8 th	Youth Nite		
November 14 th	Ladies Day Out (youth to serve lunch)		

Audrey Adams, Youth Leader

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Gospel calls us to teach and learn throughout our lifetime! All Saints Sunday School classes begin again on Rally Day, September 13, 2009. We meet from 9:15-10:15 every Sunday, ALL are welcome!

Children age 3 through 6th grade meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 for music led by Pete Raum, and an opening discussion led by Dan Anderson. Then they break into groups and move to classrooms in the new wing. Preschoolers and Kindergartners are taught by Theresa Fitzsimmons and Karol Livingston. 1st and 2nd Graders are taught by Jodi Miles and Lynn Hart. Dan Anderson leads the 3rd and 4th Graders, and Pete Raum teaches the 5th and 6th Graders.

High School students will meet in the small conference room near the kitchenette with Audrey Adams and Margie Bergmark. **Confirmation students** will meet across from the large kitchen. Mike Reibel will be presenting.

We strongly encourage parents to model for their children the importance of studying God's word by attending the **Adult class** led by Bill Runnion in the large conference room, or the **Family Life Forum** led by Pastor Scott in the library. Or, ask your child's teacher if you can help in class. The more you know about what is happening in Sunday School, the more you can help your child connect the lessons to daily living.

There are some basic expectations of parents and children to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for all:

- Please fill out a registration form for each child. Provide your email address if we may use that to share class information with you. We will do our best to communicate details about special projects and activities by email, sending notes home, and posting on the bulletin board.
- Please pick up your children personally from their classrooms at 10:15. We feel responsible for your children's safety when they are in our care and we will not leave them unattended.
- We spend a significant part of class time in each grade teaching from the same lessons presented in worship so that you can help your children make connections between the Gospel and daily life. On your way home from church, and throughout the week, engage your family in discussions that relate to the weekly Gospel and lessons. The current lessons are always printed in the bulletin, and the next week's lessons are listed in the calendar section.
- Practice memory verses and bible skills with your children.
- Parenting is where true discipleship takes place. Sunday School can only magnify your efforts to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord". (Ephesians 6:4)
- If any children are reluctant to participate in some activities, such as singing or reading aloud, we will seek to engage them in a different way that makes them feel more comfortable.
- If any child is regularly disruptive, our teachers will talk with the parents to seek resolution which may include parents attending class or remaining nearby to handle any problems.

We look forward to another great year of Christian studies. If you have any questions or suggestions for the program, or would like to get involved just contact any of the teachers, or one of us.

In Christ,
Danny and Melanie Anderson

ALL SAINTS GROUPS



All women of All Saints Lutheran Church are members of WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Church

in America). So, all women of the Church are invited to the quarterly meeting of WELCA on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM at church. Please plan to attend! If you have questions, please contact Kay Johnson.

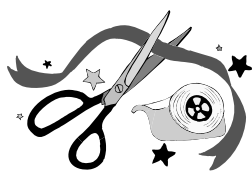


Quilters

The quilters will meet on September 3rd from 9 to 11a.m. The shelves in the storage room are stuffed with the finished quilts that will be going to Lutheran World relief. Each year, we are so happy to pack up the quilts and

take them to Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford where they are sent on to LWR headquarters. Then they will be sent to areas where the need is the greatest. We will be sending layettes, health kits and soap too. Please join us on Thursday September 3rd, Our time together is short and fun as we have fellowship and the good feeling that we are serving our Lord.

-Millie Knodle



Crafters!!

The Crafters met on August 11 to finish projects in progress in anticipation of the upcoming BAZAAR to be held

on October 15, 16 and 17. We will meet again on Tuesday, September 8 at 9 AM to complete items still under construction. Final plans and work schedules for the BAZAAR will be discussed at that time.

FYI - Money earned from the last bazaar provided a \$200 donation for the church picnic. Additionally, another care package was sent to a service person

A thank-you goes out to Ms. Susan Rakow for her monetary donation to support mailing care packages to military personnel stationed in combat zones.

- Linda Hank



We are once again collecting items for Lutheran World Relief. These items will be collected during August and September, and sent to Lutheran World Relief the first week of October. The exact date we will be packaging these items for LWR will be announced in the Sunday Bulletins.

Items needed are:

For Layettes: shirts or onesies, gowns or sleepers in sizes up to 24 months. Receiving blankets. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new.

For Health Kits: dark color hand towels, dark color washcloth, bath-size bar soap in it's original packaging, metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, 1/2 or 3/4 inch Band-Aids (or similar band). If you provide all of these items, please wrap the smaller items in the washcloth and wrap the washcloth with the remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not place them in zip lock bags or other plastic packaging.

We are also collecting additional bars of soap. Please bring bath-size bar in their original wrapping.

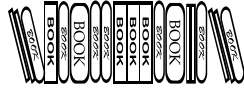
Boxes will be placed in the Narthex for collection of these items. Thank you for helping those in need!

If you have any questions, please contact Millie Knodle.

Reminders: Deadline for articles for the October Spokesman is Tuesday, September 22nd. Please email articles to Carolyn Niederer. Thanks!

Worship Attendance			
August	8:00	10:30	Total
2	69	82	151
9	75	62	137
16	69	55	124
23	105	45	150
30	N/A	N/A	
Total			562
Average	80	61	141

Religious Book Club



Book club will start back up on Monday, Sept 28th from 1pm-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come, join in the fellowship and discussion the book, My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult. This is a story about a family, and especially a young girl who is born to help her sister, but as a young teenager does not want to give her sister her own kidney. We see how Anna struggles in the situation she has been born into because of her sister's illness. As we follow this family, the ethical challenge is complex, and the author lets us under the characters and what they are thinking. The author brings the reader to consider that saving someone else's life may not be as important as saving your own. This story has been made into a movie in the theaters now.
--Carolyn Niederer

WASTE BUSTER MESSAGE

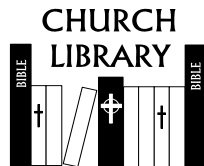


Have you noticed the new **recycling center** across from the kitchen at All Saints? We have this in part because of an Ogle County Solid Waste grant, which covered 80% of cost for this project organized by All Saints' **Waste Busters**. The round hole on top is where you can place recyclables, such as plastic and glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, paper and cardboard. (Cans and bottles need to be rinsed and empty.) Next to the entrance door is a receptacle for regular garage. You're also welcome to bring and recycle your ink cartridges and household batteries. (Before being put into the proper receptacle, household batteries need to be placed in pairs into the plastic bags which can be found on the counter of the recycling center.) Help us protect God's Creation.
Thank you!

CHURCH NOTES

NEWS FROM THE

Summer activities are slowing down; the kids are back to school, Sunday School has begun again, vacations are good memories, and hopefully you will find some extra time to visit the church library. The following are new additions to our shelves.



- *Chicken Soup for the Soul, the 4th Course, Chicken Soup for the Mother & Daughter Soul, Chicken Soup for the Grandma's Soul*
- *Family Blessings* by LaVyrle Spencer. Widow Lee Reston loses her oldest son in a motorcycle accident. She turns to her son's best friend to grieve together and begin to heal. Both she and her daughter start to have feelings for him. Where do family ties end and a woman's need for love begin? Ms Spencer's books are stories of families whose members are not perfect and must overcome adversity before they live happily ever after. The stories center on their abiding love, family ties and strength in difficult times (according to Penguin Group) Other books by LaVyrle Spencer, *Then Came Heaven* and *Forgiving* are already on the library shelf.
- *The Divide* by Nicholas Evans. Written by the author of *The Horse Whisperer*, this book is "an epic thriller of the human heart". The body of a young woman is found in the ice of a

mountain creek and is identified as Abbie Cooper who is wanted for murder. The book follows a family pulled apart by betrayal and the pain put on those they love the most.

- *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper. The author of this true story was involved in a crushing accident and was declared dead by medical personnel. As he lay lifeless in the car, he experiences the beauty and glories of heaven. 90 minutes later as a minister prays for him, he returns to life. His faith in God, however, was tested as he went through a grueling and uncertain recovery.

We are also adding 2 DVDs.

- *What is the Best Evidence That God Created* featuring Carl Kerby and is presented by Answers in Genesis.
- *Flywheel* Jay Austin will do whatever it takes to sell a car, promising things he cannot deliver. He lives his life in the same manipulative ways causing those closest to him to lose trust in him. While restoring a classic car, God begins restoring him also. As he sees how he treats others, he learns to honor God in all parts of his life. This DVD has been viewed by a member of our church who says it is a wonderful story and recommends it highly.

As usual, these items will be on the cart just inside the front doors. - Anne Morgart

	Month of Year:	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
	7	General Fund	General Fund	Facilities Maintenance	Facilities Maintenance	Zoom Towards Zero	Zoom Towards Zero	Total	Total
Income	Pledged	\$7,045	\$49,315	\$2,864	\$20,048	\$1,691	\$11,837	\$11,600	\$81,200
	Received	\$9,581	\$75,425	\$3,262	\$23,779	\$1,340	\$14,222	\$14,183	\$113,426
	Status	\$2,536	\$26,110	\$398	\$3,731	-\$351	\$2,385	\$2,583	\$32,226

Expenses	Budgeted	\$12,321	\$86,247	\$2,562	\$17,934	\$2,785	\$19,495	\$17,668	\$123,676
	Expended	\$9,200	\$81,661	\$3,215	\$27,172	\$3,000	\$19,160	\$15,415	\$127,993
	Budgeted - Expended								
	Expended	\$3,121	\$4,586	-\$653	-\$9,238	-\$215	\$335	\$2,253	-\$4,317

Gap	Pledged - Budget	-\$5,276	\$36,932	\$302	\$2,114	-\$1,094	-\$7,658	-\$6,068	-\$42,476
	Received - Expended								
	Expended	\$381	-\$6,236	\$47	-\$3,393	-\$1,660	-\$4,938	-\$1,232	-\$14,567

Church Picnic last month was a success! We were blessed with great weather for all the outdoor activities and a good crowd. It is estimated that 175 people of all ages attended the church picnic on Sunday, August 2nd.



We wanted to thank the many people who planned the picnic, and made all the activities, food, music and fun happen for all. Many donated their time and talents and food and tents and items for the cake walk and silent auction. The clean up help was much appreciated!

It was so much fun we would like to have a picnic again next year, so if you would like to volunteer to help, let Marlene Roberts, Mark Hart or Jim Wilcox know of your interest.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Peder Eide Concert with his full band will be in Prophetstown on **September 26th**.

The concert will be in Eclipse Square, our town park right in the middle of town on Highway 78 (not the state park). In case of weather problems we will meet in the high school, which is also right off Highway 78.

Doors open at 4 pm. Food will be available. Local church groups will provide dinner music from 4:30-5:30. Peder and his band play from 6-8 pm.

This is a free concert. A free will offering will be taken.

Volunteers Needed!

Have you or someone you love been diagnosed with cancer? How can you help? Help us help you! Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Centers, located in Dixon and Oregon, is looking for volunteers to assist in the office, provide meals and transportation, help with gardening and yard work and help in a variety of other areas. Your donation of your time will help Home of Hope continue offering support, wellness and education at no cost to all those touched by cancer. If you are interested in volunteering for Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Centers, please call 815-288-4673 or 815-881-8063.



Rockford Metro Centre November 6-7, 2009

"When ordinary women come into the presence of God, extraordinary things begin to happen. Hearts begin to heal. The weary are made strong. The hope of Christ is renewed in your life. Come this amazing weekend and let the powerful love of God begin to transform your ordinary into extraordinary for His glory!"

Angela Thomas, Best-selling author and speaker

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for this Women's Conference. The Cost is \$59.00, but if we have 10 ladies sign up, we will get one free registration, which we will split among those attending to lower the cost somewhat. Also if we have a paying group of 10 or more, the price will be reduced to \$49.00. Deadline to sign up for this reduced rate is September 27, 2009. Carpooling will be available. Please make checks payable to WELCA.

Speakers include Chonda Pierce (who is wonderful!), Angela Thomas, Stormie Omartian, Karen Kingsbury, Sheri Rose Shepherd and Julie Clinton. Mini Concerts by Matthew West and NewSong will round out this exciting and motivational event.

If you would like to attend this conference for free, go online to www.ewomen.net, click on the Rockford Conference, and then click the 'volunteer' link at the top of the screen. There are a multitude of volunteer possibilities for every skill level.

See the bulletin board for more information.

Wish list for our Christian Education: We could use a few technological items to assist in Sunday School, etc. that would not necessarily have to be new. We already have been given two extra televisions (on carts) but we could also use **two DVD players** (new or used). Also, for the portable projector given to us, we could use good size, **external computer speakers** (new or used) to use for sound in classroom settings. Also, for the projector, etc. we could use a sturdy **kitchen/utility cart** which has casters that roll easily when moved. If you would like help with this wish list, please contact Marlene Roberts or Pr. Scott Schmidt.

Sunday School Registration Form

STUDENT'S NAME _____

ENTERING _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL YEAR 2009/10

BIRTHDATE _____

FOOD RESTRICTIONS _____

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL LAST YEAR?

PARENTS' NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

PARENTS' PHONE NUMBER _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS ABOUT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FOR EACH CHILD AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

LUTHERAN NEWS

You will notice that there is a summary of the decisions from the ELCA Assembly gathering last week in Minneapolis included in this newsletter. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact Pastor Scott Schmidt. Also, if you were unable to attend the August 26 Informal Gathering concerning the Churchwide Assembly, there is a second gathering on **August 31 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet in the conference room at All Saints. There are also listed below, dates where you can meet with Bishop Gary Wollersheim and share your thoughts.



Coffee with the Bishop

All are invited to a Coffee with the Bishop. Northern Illinois Synod Bishop Gary Wollersheim will host four informal Saturday morning conversations this fall. Topics will include the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly and other important topics concerning the Church.

Doors will open at 9:30 am with coffee and water available. Program will begin at 10:00 with Morning prayer. The Bishop will speak for ½ hour followed by question and answer time and adjourn by 11:30.

-October 17 at Immanuel, Dixon

-October 31 at Faith, Joliet

-November 21 at Trinity, Moline

-December 5 at Our Savior's, Rockford

Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA 21st Annual Convention

We are invited to attend the 21st Northern Illinois Synodical Women's Organization Convention on **September 19, 2009** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S Peoria Avenue, Dixon, IL. Registration fee is \$30.00 per person, but at our meeting on July 9 we voted to pay half of the fee for everyone who would like to attend, reducing it to \$15.00.

There will be a Special Friday Night Program featuring Spirit's Harmony at 7:00 PM. Registration and Coffee will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday. The convention starts at 9:00 AM and will end about 3:30 PM. If you would like to participate in this synodical convention, please pick up a Participant's Registration form on the table in the Narthex and place it in the WELCA mailbox in the church office, or give it to Marlene Roberts, along with your check made out to WELCA for \$15.00. We will be carpooling both Friday and Saturday and will get the information to all attendees the week before the convention.

PRAYER CONCERNS for

Russ Ekstrom, Jeannine Hedges, Phyllis Coffman, Joyce Niehaus, Mary Eakle, Nancy Shepard and her mother Elnora Gustafson, MacKenzie Ramsey, Kelly Dummer, Ammie Schamper, Gary Amundson, Norman Cozart, Nick Smith, Francine Reibel, Holly Stukenburg, Dale Kirchgassner, Emily Muehle Meyer, Alaina Haas, Celeste Reif (daughter-in-law of Jim & Kit Reif), Tim O'Hare, Bonnie Stoll, Joel Boomer, Charles Rodberg, Edward Jones (Steve's father), Francis Goreth (John Goreth's mother), Robby Donoho, Marilyn Schroeder, Roger Reimer, Pat Pederson and Kathleen Kuss.

Those serving in the military, especially **Steve Huber, Alex Schmidt**, John Ross, Corey Coffman, Nick Petke, Jacob Houston, Jayme Wilcox, Gregory Peterson, and Rob Irving

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

August 30 - August Saville

August 30 - Denver-Raie Mlejnek

Weddings:

August 27 - Dan Barber and Jackie Wangsness

Congratulations to Michael and Stephanie (Seaworth) Crawford. They were married on June 5 in Florida.

Office Hours: **Monday through Thursday** with *Usual Core* Hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm except for the second Wednesday. At times the office may be staffed beyond these hours. Call first. Pastor will post his typical hours in the *Spokeman* calendar.

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